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# FIRST STEPS

CHECKLIST

Welcome to Sigonella! Here is your one-stop checklist once you've arrived at your new home:



#### ✓ ARRIVAL

- ☐ Attend the installation's Base Wide Orientation and Command Indoctrination Brief (INDOC).
- Servicemembers/civilians: get your "codice fiscale."
- ☐ Dependents: get your "soggiorno."
- ☐ Ensure no-fee passport has SOFA stamp.
- Obtain a tourist passport if planning to travel outside of Italy.
- Enroll in TRICARE and complete medical in-processing.
- ☐ Sign up for an FPO box, if your sponsor has not already done so.
- Visit Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) for Relocation Assistance and Area Orientation.

#### ✓ MONEY

- Determine allowances with Personal Support Detachment.
- ☐ Withdraw euros.
- ☐ Establish bank account to handle local bills, if necessary.
- $\hfill \square$  Research online bill-pay options.
- Contact U.S. banks to close accounts, as needed.

#### CARS

- ☐ Schedule and study for driver's exam.
- Pass exam and get translated AFI license.
- ☐ Get rental car.
- ☐ When car arrives or is purchased, get insurance, register and pass safety inspection.
- ☐ Establish account with NEX for receiving rationed fuel and oil.
- Obtain International License.

#### **✓** ⊦

#### HOUSING

- Establish TLA and OHA.
- Prioritize needs and wants.
- ☐ Visit Housing Office for list of approved rental homes.
- ☐ Schedule appointments with approved realtors to tour homes.
- ☐ Ensure Housing Office inspects property and reviews lease.
- ☐ Sign paperwork after review by Housing Office.
- ☐ Sign up for communication services (read contracts carefully).
- ☐ Purchase liability and renter's insurance.
- Contact the Housing Office and utilize Fleet and Family Support Center's loan locker, thrift stores, flea markets and classic needs for household items while awaiting HHG arrival.

#### **Y**

#### **MEDICAL**

- ☐ Add emergency numbers to cell phone.
- Establish relationships with local medical providers.

#### **V**

#### **CHILDREN**

- Have vaccination records, transcripts, PCS orders, passports and birth certificates readily available.
- Begin registration process for DODEA schools.
- Contact School Liaison Officer for information about home schooling, referrals and transition assistance.
- ☐ Visit the Child Development Center to apply and get on waitlist.
- ☐ Ensure vaccinations are current and schedule wellness exams.

#### ✓ PETS

- ☐ Register pet at the veterinary clinic.
- ☐ Find Italian vet clinic that provides emergency care.
- ☐ Maintain annual rabies vaccinations during overseas tour.
- ☐ Get updated ID tags with local contact information.
- ☐ Obtain pet passport for flying with your pet within Europe.
- ☐ Purchase pet insurance (including liability).
- Purchase flea/tick preventative medication that protects against sand flies that can transmit the Leishmaniasis disease. Use either monthly topical products containing permethrin, or collars containing deltamethrin or flumethrin changed out every six months.
- ☐ Find a boarding center or pet sitter.
- ☐ Understand and adhere to local Italian pet laws.

#### **V**

#### PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

- Update resume and research job/volunteer opportunities.
- ☐ Visit Navy College to learn about course offerings.

#### **V**

#### **EVERYDAY LIVING**

- ☐ Log important phone numbers and program cell phone.
- $\hfill \square$  Start recycling according to local requirements.
- Learn basic Italian phrases or enroll in language classes on base.
- ☐ Get to know your neighbors.
- ☐ Join spouses' clubs, Italian-American clubs or other activities.
- ☐ Consider the many opportunities MWR provides to explore Sicily.
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- ▶ **Providers:** Tim, Vodafone, Wind, Ho, Iliad, Tre
- Pre-pay option
- No contract fees.
- Add credit in store, online, or at retail locations such as "Tabbachi" shops.

Note: you will need to bring a passport to activate any of these services.

- ► Apps to communicate **Internationally for free:**
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# CREDIT CARDS

- ► Many Italian businesses, especially smaller businesses, do not take credit cards.
- ► Always carry euros when off base.
- There are sometimes transaction fees when using credit cards, so make sure you also have cash to avoid paying unnecessary fees.

# BEWARE OF FFFS

➤ Search on and off the installation for the best ATM exchange rate at a reputable bank. Remember that transaction fees are usually added if you are not a member of the bank.



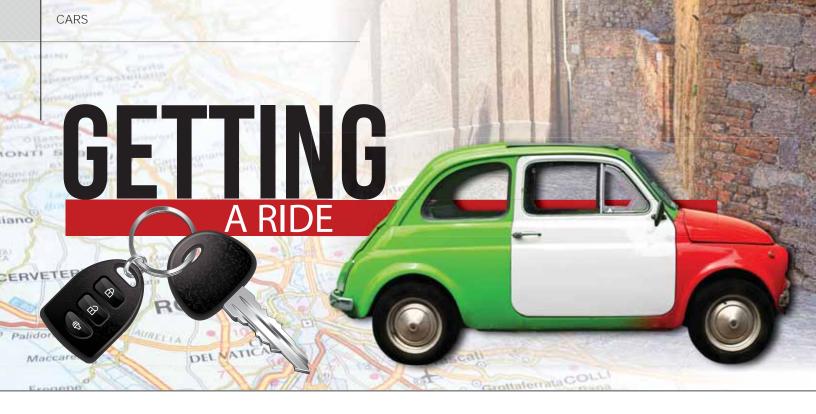
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## SHIPPING YOUR VEHICLE OVERSEAS

- Ship your vehicle six to eight weeks before you PCS to ensure it gets there soon after your arrival to Sigonella.
- Decide between selling your other vehicles, keeping them in storage or leaving them with a friend or family member.
- A max of three vehicles are allowed per active duty member along with their dependents during their tour in Italy.

#### GETTING YOUR ARMED FORCES ITALY (AFI) LICENSE

Call the Motor Vehicle Registration Office (MVRO) for driver's testing. Be sure to ask about test days and times.

#### ► What to bring to get your AFI license:

- Current U.S. driver's license. It is highly recommended that you renew your license so that it does not expire during your tour.
- ✔ PCS orders/DOCPERS MFR (contractors)/ Logistical Support Letter (DoD civilians)

#### **BUYING A CAR IN ITALY**

You have the option to buy a new or used car from dealers and private sellers in Italy. There is no tax when buying a vehicle from another military member.

#### ► Keep in mind

- Any vehicle that doesn't meet U.S. specifications (specs) cannot be shipped back to CONUS.
- Used automatic transmission vehicles may be more difficult to find and tend to be more expensive.
- Morale, Welfare and Recreation's (MWR)
   Auto Skills shop offers a free 30+ point
   assessment that will tell you everything
   you need to know before buying or
   selling a vehicle.

#### **MOTORCYCLES**

If you want to ride a motorcycle while in Italy, you must have a motorcycle classification on your U.S. license, have an AFI license, attend a mandatory motorcycle safety course on the installation and be at least 18 years old. Motorcyclists can only operate a motorcycle of 35 kW or less.

#### **VEHICLE INSPECTION**

Each vehicle is required to be inspected periodically depending on its age, in addition to every time the title is transferred. Ensure that your vehicle always has the required equipment at all times, not just for its inspection.

#### ► Required equipment for inspection:

- ✔ Vehicle registration
- First-aid kit, warning triangle and reflective vest

#### REGISTERING YOUR VEHICLE

Contact the MVRO for vehicle registration days and times.

#### What to bring to register your vehicle:

- ✔ POV registration application
- ✓ AFI driver's license
- ✔ U.S. license
- ✓ Military ID
- ✓ Shipping document
- ✔ Proof of ownership
- ✔ PCS orders/DOCPERS MFR (contractors)/ Logistical support letter (DoD civilians)
- ✓ Funds to cover the registration fee and applicable road tax for a second vehicle to include motorcycles
- ✓ Automobile insurance policy

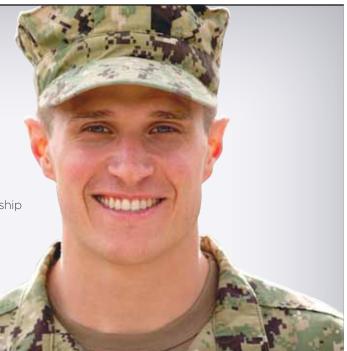
Note: It's always best to call the Motor Vehicle Registration Office ahead of time to ensure you're bringing all necessary documents.





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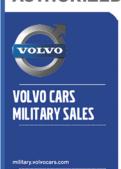




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- The vehicle's engine size, engine base, horsepower and fuel requirement determine the monthly fuel allowance.
- The NEX administers the fuel card program.
   You must maintain your insurance, registration, safety inspection and road taxes to continue to receive your allowance.
- If any one of these parameters are not kept current for any of your household's vehicles, you will need to correct the issue and register for a new fuel card.

#### ▶ Where to get gas

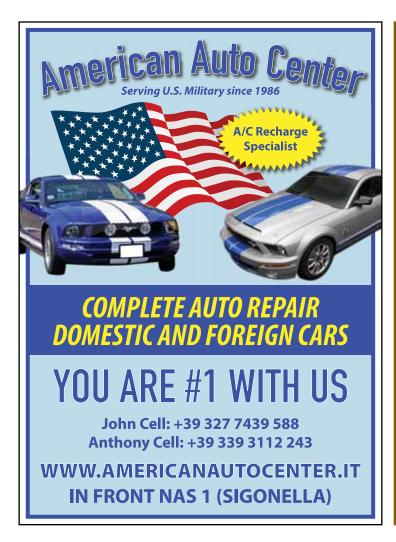
- There are no gas stations on U.S. military installations in Italy.
- · Only two Italian gas station companies will

- accept your fuel card: AGIP and ENI. Across Italy, there are over 4,000 locations and many near NAS Sigonella.
- Use your fuel card like a debit card at the pump. It is recommended to pre-authorize your card before filling up to ensure your fuel card will be accepted.
- At some stations, attendants will operate the card machines.
- Fill up at "Fai da te" or "Iperself" pumps to avoid paying extra for full service.

#### DRIVING OUTSIDE OF ITALY

Many countries will not recognize a U.S. or AFI driver's license. You will need to get an International Driving Permit (IDP) at least four weeks before traveling outside of Italy. You can apply by mail or in-person at AAA or the AATA, which are the two agencies authorized by the State Department to issue IDPs.









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#### TYPES OF HOUSING

#### **Government Family Housing**

- Accompanied servicemembers are mandatorily assigned to Government Family Housing located near the base.
- ► The government covers the expenses of rent and utilities; you will not receive any Overseas Housing Allowance.
- ► Request the e-Welcome Package prior to arrival and work with your assigned sponsor for your unit assignment.
- ▶ Inquire with the Housing Office regarding the Door to Door (D2D) program, a program that enables you to move directly into government guarters upon arrival. A Special Power of Attorney for your sponsor is required.

#### **Unaccompanied Housing Facilities**

- ► Unaccompanied E-1 to E-4 personnel are mandatorily assigned to the Unaccompanied Housing (UH) facilities on the installation.
- Servicemembers will be assigned to their building based on duty location and room availability.
- ► Request the e-Welcome Package prior to arrival and work with your assigned sponsor for your room assignment.
- ▶ Inquire with the Housing Office regarding the Door to Door (D2D) program, a program that enables you to move directly into UH rooms upon arrival.

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#### **Economy Housing**

- ▶ Unaccompanied E-5 and above, civilians/ contractors and foreign nationals servicemembers are referred to the local community.
- ▶ Private homes and landlords are vetted according to established standards by the Housing Office.
- ➤ You are responsible for rent and utilities using your Overseas Housing Allowance or Living Quarters Allowance.

**Note:** It is required to bring your passport to request your "Codice Fiscale" – the equivalent of the U.S. SSN – which is mandatory for any transactions involving housing, utilities, furniture and other large purchases.



#### **Finding Private Housing:**

- ► Searching online
  - · Visit www.homes.mil
  - Make an account.
  - Look for private rentals that have been approved by the Housing Office.

**Note:** Check the site daily as houses will come and go easily – especially in August, which is peak PCS season.

#### ► Realtor Program

- If planning to live on the economy, you can also utilize the realtor program.
- Approved realtors have background checks, have insurance and are licensed to meet Housing Office standards.
- Approved agencies do not charge any fees to the tenants.

#### **SHOWING TOUR**

- Attend the mandatory housing brief before you begin house hunting.
- ► Make a "wish list" of selected homes.
- ► Report to the Housing Office to schedule your tour.

#### LEASE SIGNING

- ▶ It is mandatory for private housing leases to be signed at and through the Housing Office to receive all housing services, including OHA.
- ➤ Your housing counselor will assist you in the lease negotiation and will set up an appointment to sign the lease based on Italian law.
- ➤ Copies of the lease agreement will be provided to both parties, and one copy will be retained by the Housing Office.
- ▶ Neither the Housing Office nor the U.S. Navy is a party to the lease contract.
- ► Renters' insurance is highly recommended.

#### UTILITIES

- ► Once the lease is signed, you will receive assistance for the activation of utilities.
- ▶ The Housing Office will assist and liaise on behalf of the customer with electric, gas and phone companies available in your area.
- ► For any utilities-related issue, the Housing Office will be your point of contact.

#### HOUSING ALLOWANCES

There are a variety of housing allowances. To see which one you qualify for, consult with the Housing Office.

#### Servicemembers:

- ► Temporary Lodging Allowance (TLA) reimbursed while searching for a home or waiting for government housing.
- ▶ Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) funds for excess housing costs incurred when assigned to an overseas duty station. Servicemembers in government housing do not receive this allowance.
- ► Moving in Housing Allowance (MIHA) one-time payment to fund the cost of items that may not be provided in community housing. Servicemembers in government housing do not receive this allowance.

#### **Civilians:**

► Temporary Quarters Subsistence Allowances (TQSA) - authorized for the reasonable cost of

temporary quarters incurred for a period up to three months or a period ending with the signing of a community lease.

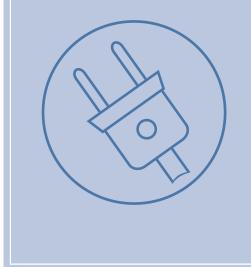
▶ Living Quarters Allowance (LQA) – covers the cost of privately-rented housing to include rent, electricity, gas, fuel and water.

#### LOANER FURNITURE AND FULL-TOUR FURNISHINGS PROGRAM

- ▶ The Housing Office loans furniture for up to 90 days or until household good are received by family housing and private housing residents.
- ▶ Items such as appliances, transformers and wardrobes are part of the "Full Tour Supplemental Loaner Furnishings" program for private housing residents and can be kept for the entire tour.
- ► Consult with the Housing Office to discuss and request items you may need and set a delivery appointment.

## ELECTRONICS AND APPLIANCES

- ► Government housing includes outlets for both U.S. and Italian voltages.
- ➤ For private housing, you will need a power converter/transformer to use your American electronics in your Italian home. The Housing Office provides these for residents.
- ► The Housing Office also provides a washer, dryer, refrigerator and wardrobes. Work with the Housing Office to choose the appropriate appliances for the unit. ■





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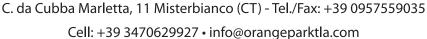
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uring your time in Italy you're going to need to see a doctor and dentist. Depending on the specialty services you might require, you may need to be referred off-installation for medical services.

#### **PATIENT LIASIONS**

Host-nation patient liaisons act as intermediaries between patients and doctors to help facilitate the best care possible. From assisting with the language barrier and insurance forms, to providing comfort to clients, patient liaisons can help you feel at ease in the medical surroundings.

#### **Getting a patient liaison**

► The patient liaison program is available through TRICARE (at the hospital). This program is open to all ID cardholders, including non-TRICARE members.

#### **EMERGENCY CARE**

U.S. Naval Hospital Sigonella, located on NAS I, is where you can find emergency care.

#### Be prepared

- For all emergencies—on or off base—always dial emergency dispatch at 095-86-1911.
- Off-base health emergencies will be treated at an Italian local hospital with translation services provided by dispatch.
- Always carry a list of your current medications, known allergies, as well as your insurance card, ID card and local currency.

Emergency Numbers in Italy	Dial	
Fire	115	
Ambulance	118	
Carabinieri (Italian Police)	112	
Police	113	



#### **DENTAL CARE**

The Dental Clinic on NAS II sees active duty servicemembers who are assigned to the installation. The dental clinic at the NAS I hospital can see dependents.

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# REQUIRED VACCINATIONS AND MEDICINE

- ✓ **Leptospirosis:** If you haven't already, you need to get your pet a Leptospirosis vaccination as soon as possible. Leptospirosis has a heavy presence in Italy and without proper vaccination, it can cause kidney failures in pets.
- ✓ Rabies: Both dogs and cats must get an annual rabies vaccination. Pets are required to wear their rabies tags at all times to serve as a visual marker of vaccination status.
- ✓ Heartworm, flea and tick: Ensure your pets are on heartworm preventative medicine as well as flea and tick control medicine year-round. Flea/tick preventative medicines include either monthly topical products containing permethrin, or collars containing deltamethrin or flumethrin changed out every six months.

#### VETERINARY CLINIC

The primary mission for the clinic is to provide full medical support for the military working dog mission and all government owned animals. The clinic strives to support the community with preventative veterinary care for privately owned animals.

#### ITALIAN VETERINARY CLINICS

Taking your pet to an Italian veterinarian clinic is recommended for emergency and specialty needs for your pet. Italian veterinary clinics are important to be registered with for health issues that go beyond what the base vet clinic can treat. Contact the veterinary clinic for a list of local Italian vet clinics.

# ITALIAN PET REGULATIONS

- Animals must never be left tied up and unattended to.
- Pets must be leashed every time you walk them.
- ► Shelter must always be provided for your pet.
- ► Cats must be kept indoors at all times.
- ► Food and water must always be easily accessible for your pet.
- ► Every pet must have the international microchip. This is also a form of identification if they are ever lost and brought into a vet clinic.
- "Choke chain" or pinch collars are illegal in Italy and use of these types of collars is subject to a fine.

#### TRAVELING WITH YOUR PET

#### **Requirements:**

- All pets must have their 15-digit international microchip.
- Rabies vaccination must be up to date and given after the international microchip was implanted.
- ✓ EU Pet Passport must be with you and your pet at all times when traveling.
- Muzzles must be carried (not worn) for all dogs when in public.
- Animals must be contained while riding in vehicles (carrier or harness).

### TRAVELING WITHOUT YOUR PET

If you plan on getting traveling done while in Italy, there may be some trips where your furry friend can't tag along. Once you register your pet at the installation's vet clinic, they can provide a list of local boarding facilities.



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#### **ESTABLISH ROUTINES**

The importance of routines in child development should not be overlooked. Establishing routines will help children handle the additional emotional and environmental changes as you get settled.

- Set sleeping schedules right away.
- ► Rehearse school or daycare routines.
- If possible, take your children to their daycare or school to meet caregivers or teachers in advance.
- Make sure your routine includes time for your children's favorite activities.

#### INVOLVE YOUR KIDS

Include your children throughout the transition. Even for toddlers, give them tasks and roles to instill a sense of responsibility and increase self-confidence.

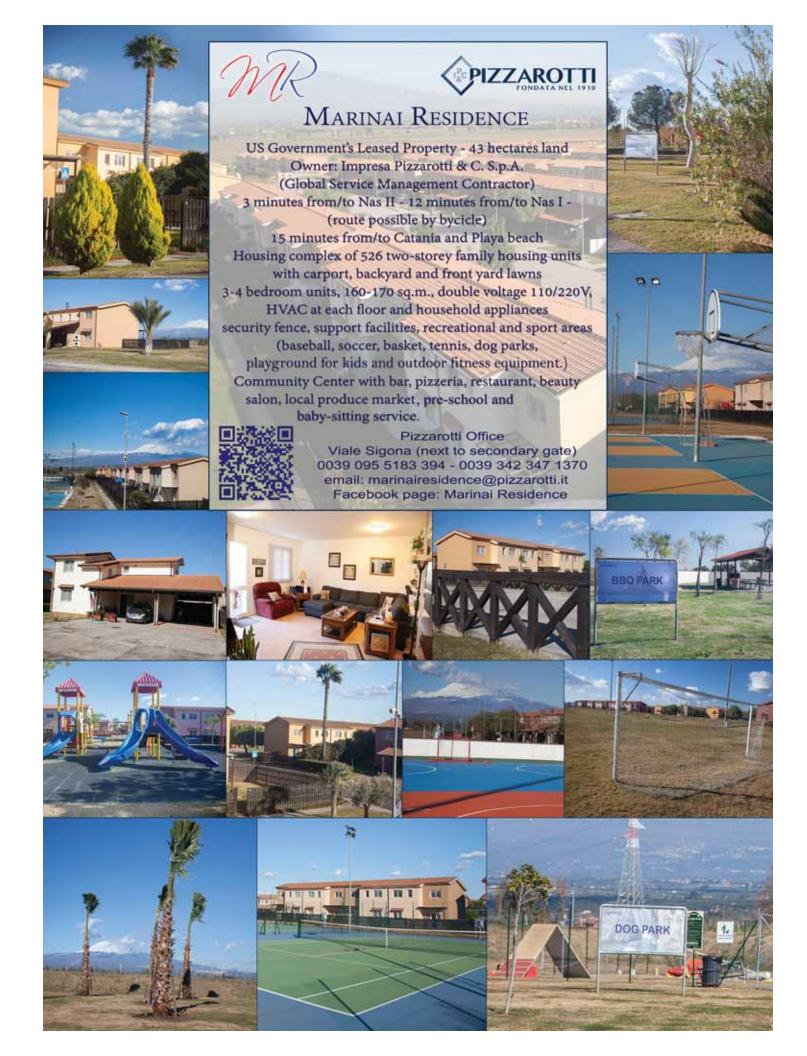
- ► Let them help unpack and give them freedom to organize their living space.
- Schedule social time with classmates and new neighbors.



- Sign your children up for afterschool activities.
- Contact the School Liaison Officer (SLO) to request student sponsors.

#### **EXPLORE ITALY**

- Maintain an enthusiastic outlook about your arrival in Italy, even if you are having doubts. Your children will look to you a great deal during this transition. If you're upset, they will be too.
- Eat meals on the economy, attend local fests and learn about Italian traditions. Address the differences between life in Italy versus back home, but move conversations in a positive direction. Your children will gain an appreciation for diversity while exploring.
- Enroll your children in Italian lessons, schools or day care.
- ➤ Explore the best of Europe by letting your children assist in trip planning, researching and selecting sites or activities they would enjoy. Take photos and work together to create scrapbooks, photo albums, calendars, collages and other creative projects.



### REMAIN IN TOUCH WITH LIFE BACK HOME

While adjusting to everything new, don't forget about life back home. Set regular video chat or phone call dates with family and friends. If your children are allowed online, encourage them to utilize social media and email to stay in touch with friends or have them send postcards from the destinations they visit. Continue the traditions that are important in your family, while creating new ones during your time in Italy.

## EXPECT AN ADJUSTMENT PERIOD

Give your children time to process all of the changes, both good and bad, that come with their new environment. Be aware

of expat child syndrome, a psychological condition that typically occurs in children ages 10 to 15 and can lead to isolative or unruly behavior.

#### ----- Resources -----

- Family Life Counselors (MFLCs) Free non-medical sessions with child behavioral specialists are anonymous and may occur in individual, couple, family or group settings.
- ► School Liaison Officer (SLO)
- ► Adolescent Support and Counseling Services (ASACS)
- Military OneSource 12 free sessions may occur in individual, couple, family or group settings



#### CHILD EDUCATION

Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) school is located on NAS I and educates children from the ages of pre-K through high school. The Sure Start pre-K program gives priority enrollment to children of servicemembers whose rank is E-1 to E-4, GS-1 to GS-4 or NAF-1 or NAF-2. Start communicating early on with DoDEA or the SLO to begin the enrollment process for your school-aged children.

#### **DODEA SOUTH**

- Enrollment requirements: www.dodea.edu/registrationprocess.cfm
- ▶ Documentation needed:
  - ✔ PCS orders
  - ✓ Page 13 from PSD to show child's command sponsorship
  - Certificate or passport for each child
  - ✓ Immunization records
  - ✔ Records from previous school
  - ✓ Valid ID card from parent

- ➤ Visit www.DODEA.edu/DORS for online registration
- School Liaison Officer (SLO): invaluable resource during transition; www.dodea.edu/Europe/resources/ slo.cfm

#### HOME SCHOOLING

Home schooling is a legal option open to all SOFA sponsored active-duty military, DoD civilians and contractors. Your children may be eligible for auxiliary services offered by DoDEA-Europe. Contact the SLO for more information and to connect with homeschool groups.

#### CHILD CARE

Many programs are available through Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR) services. Contact MWR to enroll. Note that waitlists are probable, so get started early!

► Child Development Center (CDC) – These centers offer weekday childcare for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years or pre-school.

- ➤ School-Age Programs (SAP), Youth Programs, Teen Programs – Offered for children in kindergarten through high school, these programs focus on a variety of enrichment activities. Before- and afterschool care is available, as well as activities on holidays and during summer break.
- ► Check with MWR for specific registration information.

#### PARENT SUPPORT

Being a parent isn't always easy, especially when placed in a new environment. Many on-installation and private resources are available for you, such as Fleet and Family Support Center, Morale, Welfare and Recreation or spouses' clubs. Also, look for community websites and social media resources to find support and friendship.



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## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES ON-INSTALLATION

- ▶ Civilian GS Positions: Full-time, appropriated fund positions periodically become available at various commands on the installation. It is suggested to regularly search www.usajobs.gov for new openings.
- ▶ NAF Positions: Non-appropriated fund (NAF): Positions support installations through services in Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) and Fleet and Family Service Center (FFSC). Hours range from regular, full-time to flexible part-time with varying employment benefits. Search www. usajobs.gov for new openings.
- ▶ DoDEA-Europe: These schools offer full-time positions, substitute teachers, administrative staff and educational aids. Visit www.dodea.edu/Europe/offices/hr
- Navy Exchange (NEX): Apply at https://www.mynavyexchange.com/nex/work-for-us
- ▶ Defense Commissary Agency (DECA): Jobs at commissaries.
- Non-profit organizations: The USO, Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, and American Red Cross all have offices on base. They periodically hire full- and part-time employees.
- ▶ Defense Contractors: Job opportunities in technology, management, accounting and administration are available with contracting firms. Contact the Contracting Department for more information.

**Note:** Check websites and offices for new openings frequently – a job can be posted one day and stay posted for only 48 hours. Contact the Fleet and Family Support Center's Employment Specialist for Sigonella employment assistance.

#### VOLUNTEERING

With limited employment options for dependents at Sigonella, many choose to volunteer at organizations on base to apply their skills, give back to the community and add to their resumes.

Volunteering can even help you gain experience and network to land a paid position in the future.

#### **Start making connections**

- ▶ Visit FFSC, MWR, the American Red Cross and the USO.
- ▶ Reach out to various offices on the installation that align with the career field you're interested in. It's possible that they need volunteers or are willing to let people shadow them.





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#### **EDUCATION**

Taking the time to advance your education can help you excel in the future. Educational opportunities on the installation come with a variety of programs at universities partnered with the DoD.

#### ► University of Maryland Global Campus: https://www.europe.umgc.edu/

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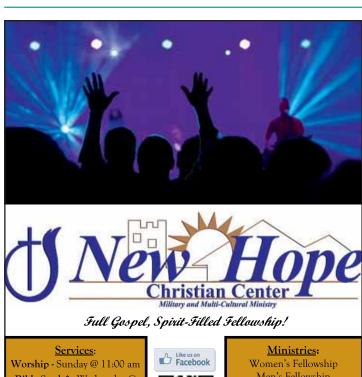
#### ► Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University: https://europe.erau.edu

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#### OTHER PERSONAL **ENRICHMENT AVENUES**

- ► Take Italian classes and explore Sicily outside the "triangle" to enjoy the culture.
- ► Start DIY projects you've always wanted to do.
- ▶ Spend time in the gym and establish healthy habits.
- ► Travel, travel! Living in Italy means traveling between other European countries is easier than ever.
- ► Start a blog whether it be travel, fitness, military living, etc. Contribute your articles to www.europe.stripes. com for a chance to get published online and in various magazines.

Find what works for your goals and dreams - whether you land a great job, volunteer with an amazing organization, further your education or find other ways for personal enrichment. What matters is utilizing your time in Italy to benefit your future to the best of your ability.



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outside of NAS 1 Services streamed live via Facebook! Search for New Hope Sigonella!

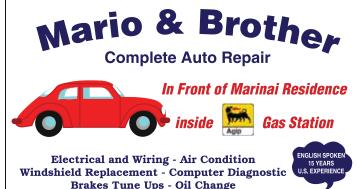


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#### WELCOME ORIENTATION

During base indoctrination, the FFSC will take you on an intercultural relations trip to the nearby city of Catania and town of Motta Sant'Anastasia. You may stop in a restaurant, grocery store, market or other shops. The goal is to show you the ins and outs of how to order food and drinks, make purchases in stores and embrace the Italian culture overall. Consult with FFSC about other area orientation classes such as the New Spouse Orientation and ICR (Inter-Cultural Relations) Follow Up.

#### **EVERYDAY LIFE IN ITALY**

#### **▶** Dining

- Water is served in bottles only: still or sparkling.
- · Expect meals to last at least two hours.
- Lunch times are around noon to 2:30 p.m.
- Dinner times start around 7 p.m. and may stay open until midnight.
- Restaurants close between lunch and dinner.
- · Be sure to ask for the check.
- Most times, you pay at the register.

#### Shopping

You'll need a 50 cent or 1 euro coin to

insert into shopping carts for use.

- Weigh your produce before checking out.
- Bring reusable bags for your groceries.
- If you forget a bag, you'll need to pay for one at the register.
- Many shops close for "riposo" which tends to take place between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

#### Driving

- Italians tend to drive faster and more aggressively than what U.S. drivers are used to.
- Don't attempt to drive like the Italians to keep up with their pace.
- Italians do not consider it rude to tailgate.
   Don't get upset when they're tailgating you however, don't form a habit of trying to tailgate them back.

#### **AMICI PROGRAM**

Visit the Fleet and Family Support Center for information on their "Amici" program. This program connects servicemembers—single or with families—to their Italian counterparts. The goal of this program is to bring people with similar life situations together to experience full immersion in Italian culture.



#### RECYCLING IN ITALY

Recycling is a requirement in Italy. Each town has different trash and recycle pick-up schedules — so be sure to ask your landlord, neighbors or the Housing Office for information.

#### ► Here's a clear list of what to recycle:

#### Paner

Boxes (from cereal boxes to shoe boxes)

Cardboard

**Envelopes** 

Paper

Paper bags

Reading materials (paperback books, newspapers, magazines, catalogs, mail)

Wrapping paper

#### Non-paper Packing Material

Aluminum foil

Bottle tops

Jar lids

Metal cans/packaging

Net bags for produce

Plastic bags (storage bags, bags that

food comes in, grocery bags)

Plastic bottles/cartons

Styrofoam

#### Biodegradables/Compost

**Branches** 

Bread

Egg shells

Flowers/plants

Fruit

Hay and straw shavings

Nutshells

Paper towels

Tea bags

Untreated wood

Vegetables

Wood chips

#### Residual

Ashes

Cat litter

Diapers

Feminine products

Kleenex

Meat (including bones)

Mirrors

Non-packaging metals/plastics

Seafood (including shells) Soiled paper products Vacuum cleaner bags

#### Glass

White, clear, green, brown, blue and

other colored glass

Drinking glasses

Non-returnable glass jars/bottles

Other glass packaging

\*No ceramics, porcelain, at glass or metal/plastic lids

#### Bulk and Hazardous Waste

Batteries/chemicals/detergents/pesticides

Construction waste

Cooking oil

Electronics

Furniture

Large branches

Lightbulbs

Mercury thermometers

Other oils

Paint

Scrap metal

Tires

Trees



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Ready to learn Italian? Local nationals will appreciate that you are attempting to speak their native language. Remember, practice makes perfect!

#### **SALUTATIONS**

Hi	Ciao
Goodbye	Arrivederci / Addio
Bye	Ciao
Good morning	Buongiorno
Have a good day	Buona giornata
Good afternoon	Buon pomeriggio
Good evening	Buonasera
Have a good evening	Buona serata
Good night	Buona notte
See you soon	A presto

#### **POLITE EXPRESSIONS**

Please	Per favore
Thank you	Grazie
You're welcome	Prego
Yes	Sì
No	No
Yes, please	Sì grazie
No, thank you	
How are you?	
What's going on?	
Very good	
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I'm OK	Sto bene
I'm OK	Sto bene
I'm OK	Sto bene Mi dispiace
I'm OK	Sto beneMi dispiaceScusami
I'm OK I'm sorry Excuse me	Sto beneMi dispiaceScusamiVa bene
I'm OK	Sto bene Mi dispiace Scusami Va bene Ovviamente

#### **ASSISTANCE OR CLARIFICATION**

Can you please help me?	
Excuse me?	Scusami?
l understand	Capisco
That sounds good/All is good	Suona bene / Tutto va bene
Exactly	Esattamente
I don't understand	Non capisco
I don't know	Non lo so
I speak English	lo parlo inglese
I don't speak Italian	Non parlo Italiano
I speak a little Italian	Parlo un po di italiano
My Italian is bad	Il mio italiano è cattivo
What's that called in Italian?	Come si chiama in italiano?

How do you say "" in Italian?Come si dice "" in italiano?
What does "" mean in English?Cosa significa "" in inglese?
Do you speak English?Parli inglese?
Please write it downer favore scrivilo
DINING
I'd like to reserve a tableprenotare un tavolo
My name isII mio nome è
I have a reservation
I would likeMi piacerebbe
I would like to pay, pleaseVorrei pagare, per favore
Check, please
Keep the changeTieni il resto
Waiter/waitress
MenuMenu
THE TOTAL CONTROL OF THE TOTAL
SHOPPING
How much does this cost?Quanto costa questo?
Do you have?Hai?
How much?Quanto?
What is this?Cos'è questo?
Do you have this in size?Hai questo in size?
TRAVEL
HotelHotel
RoomCamera
Train stationStazione ferroviaria
Main train stationStazione ferroviaria principale
SubwayMetropolitana
AirportAeroporto
ATMATM
Gas stationStazione di servizio
When is the next train to?Quando è il prossimo treno per?
When does the train leave?Quando parte il treno
Where is?
NorthNord
SouthSud
EastEst
WestOvest
LeftSinistra
RightDestra

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LANGUAGE

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#### **▶** Google Translate App

This app allows you to "say" the word in Italian and hear how it is pronounced. You can also turn on the image feature and hover your phone over the Italian text to translate in real-time to English without typing each word.

#### ► Italian Language Classes

FFSC will go over Italian language basics during the in-processing ICR, Spouse Orientation and ICR Follow Up. ■







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## GENERAL RESOURCES

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**6 January** 

**Epiphany** 

12 April

**Easter Sunday** 

13 April

**Easter Monday** 

25 April

Liberation Day

1 May

International Workers' Day

2 June

Republic Day

15 August

**Assumption Day** 

1 November

All Saints' Day

8 December

Immaculate Conception

25 December

Christmas Day

26 December

St Stephen's Day

#### ПС

03	EU
5	35-36
5.5	36
6	36-37
6.5	37
7	37-38
7.5	38
8	38-39
8.5	39
9	39-40
9.5	40

#### Dresses/Shirts/Pants

US	EL
2 (XS)	32
4 (XS/S)	34
6 (S)	36
8 (M)	38
10 (M)	40
12 (L)	42
14 (L-XL)	44
16 (XL/1X)	46
18 (1X-2X)	48-50
20 (2X)	50-52

#### **Bras (Cups AA-E)**

US	EU
32	70
34	75
36	80
38	85
40	90
42	95
44	100
46	105

#### MEN'S SIZES

#### **Shoes**

US	EU
8	41
8.5	42
9	43
10.5	44
11.5	45
12	46
10	47

Suits/Coats	
US/UK	EU
36	46
38	48
40	50
42	52
44	54
46	56
48	58

Pants	
Inches	CM
28	71
30	76
32	81
34	86
36	91
38	97
40	102

## CHILDREN'S

### **INFANT SIZES**

#### Clothing

USEU/	/UK
2T	.92
3T	.98
4	104
5	110
6	116
6X	122
7	128
8	134
9	140
10	146
11	152

US	EU/Uk
NB	56
3 MO	62
6 MO	68
9 MO	74
12 MO	80
18 MO	86

Clothing

Shoes	
EUUS	Shoes
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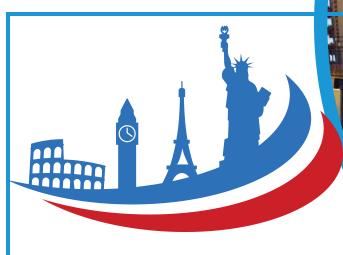
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#### **Catania Cathedral**

Dating back to close to a millennium is Saint Agatha's Cathedral, named in honor of a teenage girl of high birth who underwent many horrific tortures for refusing to recant her Christian beliefs and was martyred in 251. Destroyed by the 1693 earthquake and reconstructed in the mid-18th century, the cathedral's most impressive sights include its striking gray and white lava and limestone façade, a medieval Roman sarcophagus containing the ashes of Aragonese kings and in the sacristy, a portrayal of the 1669 eruption of Mount Etna. From Feb. 3-5 each year, the city's patron saint is venerated as part of one of the largest religious festivals in all Sicily. The bust of Saint Agatha and her relics are placed in an ornate cart which is pulled through town by her devotees.

#### Fontana dell'Elefante

The city's most charming monument is found on the Piazze del Duomo, where an elephant carved of black lava appears to wear a smile on its face. Nicknamed Liotru by the locals, he's one of the most recognizable symbols of the city. Mystery and legend surrounds the elephant's origins. One story holds the statue was the work of an 8th century nobleman who turned to the making of idols. The statue was restored by famed architect Giovanni Battista Vaccarini between 1735 and 1737, who added an Egyptian-styled obelisk to the elephant's back. As to why the elephant's trunk points directly to the Cathedral of Saint Agatha is another matter of speculation, with some suggesting its magical powers could shield the city from the eruptions of Mount Etna.

#### La Pescheria fish market

For fresh fish and foods of all kinds, head to this market where all manner of sea creatures and fresh food await purchase and transformation into a tasty meal. Nearby seafood restaurants offer a mouth-watering selection of squid, tuna and sea bass along with a variety of shellfish. Osteria Antica Marina, smack-dab in the middle of the market, is popular with locals and tourists alike.

#### Via Etnea

The city's main shopping drag runs from Piazza del Duomo to the foothills of the mountain for which it takes its name. By day, it buzzes with shoppers in search of the latest fashions or a bargain too good to pass up, while in the evening hours, strollers enjoying their "passeggiata," leisurely-walk, are out in force. Serving as an oasis to all that is the Giardino Bellini, where shaded benches invite travelers to rest their weary feet. Just across from this pleasant park is found the Pasticceria Savia, known for its rendition of the shaved ice dessert, "granita," as well as the fast food that's been around for centuries and the topic of our last tip.

#### A famous street food

One of the stars of Catania's informal dining scene is the "arancino," a conical ball of rice that's been breaded and fried. Its most typical filling is ragu, a tomato, meat and pea sauce, but other variations are popular as well, to include eggplant (these are called Norma), mushrooms, sausage and pistachio. This Sicilian staple is the topic of a longstanding language dispute. While residents on the eastern side of the island use the masculine form of its name, ending with an "o," Sicilians to the west refer to it in the feminine, "arancina."

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#### Piazza Armerina and Villa Romana del Casale

(1 hour, 20 minutes)

Approximately 75 kilometers west of Sigonella, in the heart of the island is Piazza Armerina. With an imposing Duomo piercing the skyline, it's worth exploring the narrow alleys leading up to the impressive cathedral. Enjoy a cappuccino and cornetto from a sidewalk cafe before jumping back in the car and heading a few more kilometers east.

A short 15-minute jaunt from Piazza Armerina are the impressive remains of an ancient Roman getaway, Villa Romana del Casale. First excavated in the 19th century, more than 3,500-square-meters of exquisitely detailed mosaic flooring has been unearthed. A designated UNESCO World Heritage Site, the villa is thought to date back to the Imperial Age, at the height of the Roman Empire. Columns

and crumbling walls outline the exterior of the villa. Although the area was subject to devastating flooding and mudslides in the 11th century, the mosaics and floors survived without much damage.

#### **Agrigento**

(1 hour, 40 minutes from Villa Romana del Casale)

Once you've explored the remnants of the beautiful villa, hop back in the car and drive through the scenic Sicilian countryside toward the southwestern shore to the city of Agrigento. Nestled on a hilltop overlooking the sea, at first glance, the town doesn't look like much. Resembling a concrete jungle from the outset, the city center is home to a beautiful Medieval town center. Harkening back to its history as a wealthy Greek colony, the influence of Greek culture can be seen and felt around every corner—including just down the road at the Valley of the Temples.







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Just a mere 3 kilometers south of Agrigento is one of Sicily's most-visited attractions, Valle dei Templi, or Valley of the Temples. The behemoth archeological site lies on the prehistoric city of Akragas. Visitors can explore the Temple of Concordia, which is surprisingly intact with imposing columns rising around 17-meters tall. Other temples include Temple of Heracles, Juno, Asclepius and more. Visitors can also stroll through the lush olive and citrus groves which took root in an ancient Greek swimming pool.

### Scale dei Turchi and Realmonte

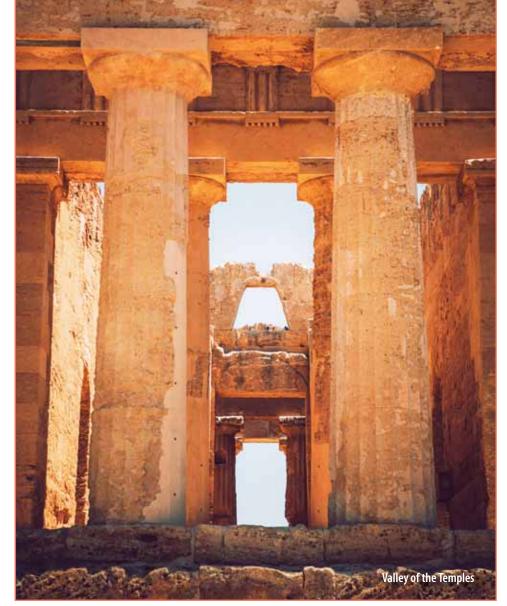
(20 minutes from Agrigento)

The Turkish Steps, or Scala dei Turchi, are steeped in rich pirate lore. As local legends recall, Turkish pirates would anchor their ships off the coast, which were hidden due to the step. They would use the naturally formed stairs to sneak into the villages atop the cliff, and carry out their plundering and pillaging before retreating back to their ships.

Nowadays, the Turkish Steps draw curious tourists and sunbathers. From afar, the stairs look as though they've been molded out of clay. Created over centuries due to erosion, wind and rain, the brilliant white hue of limestone and marl is a breathtaking contrast to the jeweltoned turquoise and blue water below. Golden, sandy beaches surround the steps on either side of the cliff.

If the steps are a bit crowded, or you've had your fill of vitamin D for the afternoon, head into the nearby town of Realmonte. Home to one of the most unique churches in Sicily, descend into a halite mountainside to discover the Church of the Realmonte Salt Mine. The "Cathedral of Salt" is carved entirely out of salt, including the crucifix, altar and bishop's seat. Nearby above ground, are the remains of an 1,800-year-old Roman villa. Discovered in the early 20th century, the once opulent home covers more than 5,000-square meters. Intricate mosaic floors and marble have been uncovered, along with columns and collapsing wall remnants distinguish rooms from one another.

With a fascinating and vibrant history, Sicily is home to jaw-dropping historical sites, post-card-worthy panoramas and amazing culture. While it can be tempting to stay inside your comfort zone, there's a fantastic world waiting for you. Grab your keys, sunscreen and explore the beautiful host country around you. ■





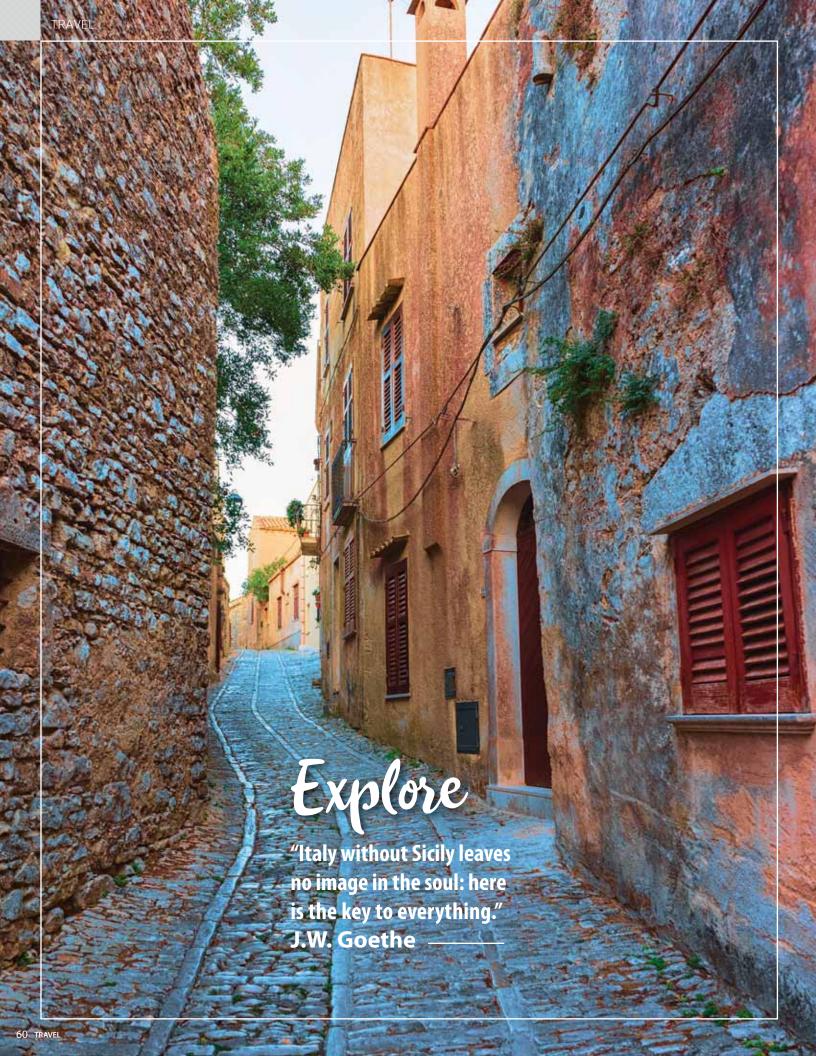


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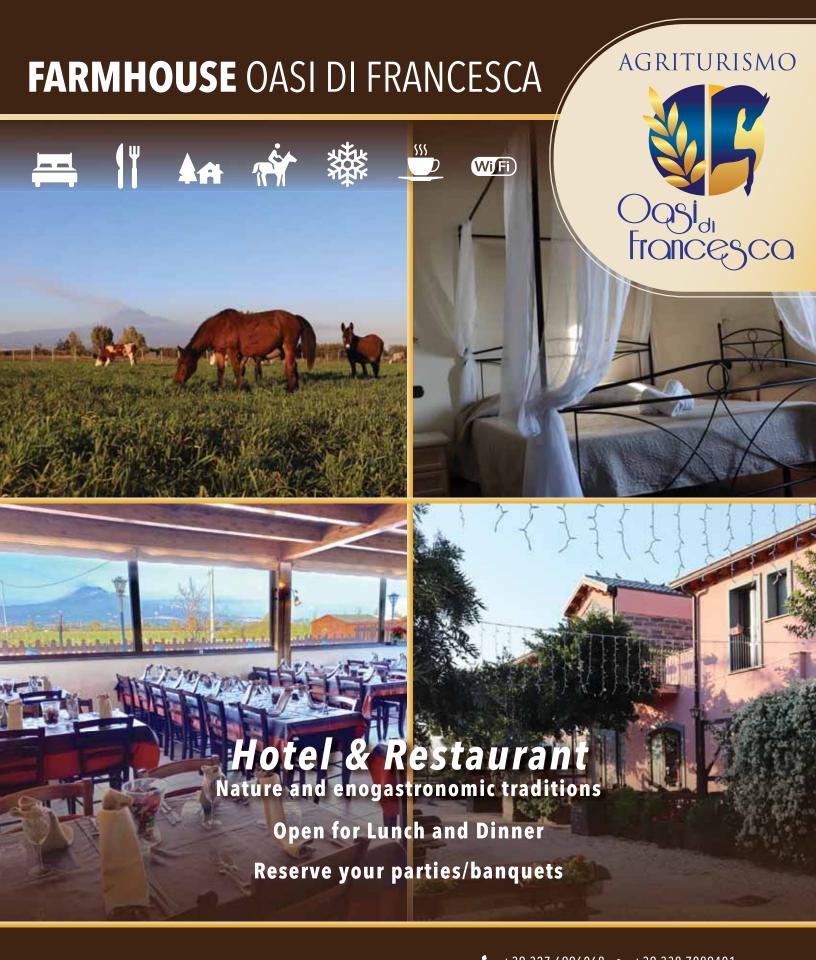


From the towering mountains in the northern Tyrol region to the glittering ocean beaches on the southern islands, Italy is truly a stunning and vast country. Start your Italian adventure close to home and make your way across Sicily to the northwestern side of the island to Marsala, the perfect location for a long weekend.

arsala packs a punch with a plethora of things to see and do. Start in the center of the town at Piazza della Repubblica, the main square. Your eyes will be drawn to the Chiesa de San Tommaso. This cathedral was built around 1176 and features a Baroque façade with two bell towers. Inside you'll find ornate statues, a marble altar and baptismal font, religious art and a large organ. Next, wander towards Palazzo VII Aprile, the city council palace. It was completed in the 15th century and now features a large clock with Roman numerals and a bell.

Then, head to Porta Garibaldi, a large arch that opens into the town. It is part of the remains of what was once a complex defensive system of walls and gates. This is where Giuseppe Garibaldi and the Thousand entered the city in 1860 and began the unification of Italy. The arch features intricate stonework with Latin inscriptions and inlets with statues.

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## Enjoy fantastic views of the Gulf of Bonagia and surrounding landscapes as you hike the trails of Erice.

journey at the source of all the goodness, the vineyard. Carry on to the milestone room where the grapes were pounded by foot! Stop at the manor house and then make your way to the grand finale, the wine cellar. Take your time sampling various wines while you enjoy Sicilian cheeses, salami and biscotti. Next, get ready to indulge in some seriously good food.

The restaurant on-site, La Calandra, proclaims they offer "a renaissance for all the senses." See the beautiful interior with gabled ceilings and exposed wooden beams, or sit on the patio and dine al fresco and look out over the sea. Smell the Mediterranean cuisine with fresh herbs as it is lovingly prepared in the kitchen. Finally, taste the masterpieces from the chef! Meals like blue

Egadi fish or the famous red prawns are sure to tickle your fancy. After a tranquil end to your day, head back to your lodging to rest up for the next day's adventures.

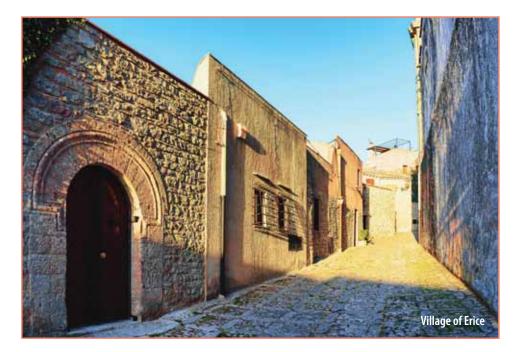
On your second day, get ready for some sightseeing in the village of Erice, which you may have heard of before. The ancient Roman poet Virgil talked about it in his Latin epic poem, "The Aeneid." Erice is known as the city with a hundred churches, which is of course, a gross exaggeration. Plan on taking the hiking trail to three churches, known as Porta Castellammare. Here you'll have a fantastic view of the Gulf of Bonagia and you'll see the St. Maria Maddalena, St. Ippolito and St. Maria Maggiore churches.

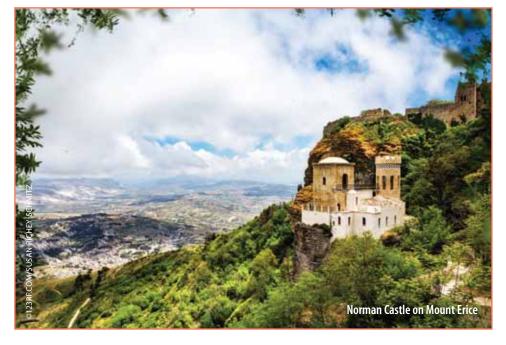
Next up is Venus Castle. It was built in the 12th century by Normans and stands as a reminder of the goddess of fertility. The castle is built into the cliff-side and features a defensive system of towers. Don't miss out on touring the beautiful gardens, where you can have a panoramic view of the area.

On your way back to Marsala, stop at the salt flats of Trapani. This incredibly unique and unexpected attraction is where salt has been harvested since the 12th century. Piles of salt can be found sitting on a network of "roads" over the shallow water. Windmills dot the landscape and were once used to grind the salt. Though little salt is produced there currently, it still remains a fascinating location. If you have time, rent a canoe and row out into the marshes.

On the last day of your trip, spend the morning at Isola Favignana. There is a multitude of caves and rock formations to explore on this small island off the coast of Marsala. Either scuba dive, snorkel or take a boat around the area. On your way back to Sigonella, make a pit stop in Selinunte to check out the ruins. Though you likely haven't heard of this fascinating location, it is home to the largest archeological site in Europe! Here you'll find temples, an acropolis and other various Greek ruins high up on a plain overlooking the ocean.

Marsala is just one of the many beautiful places to visit in Sicily. Make time to explore the region and learn about its thrilling history. Visit a church or five, lounge on the beach and learn a few things about civilization's past. This is just the beginning of many Italian adventures to come!





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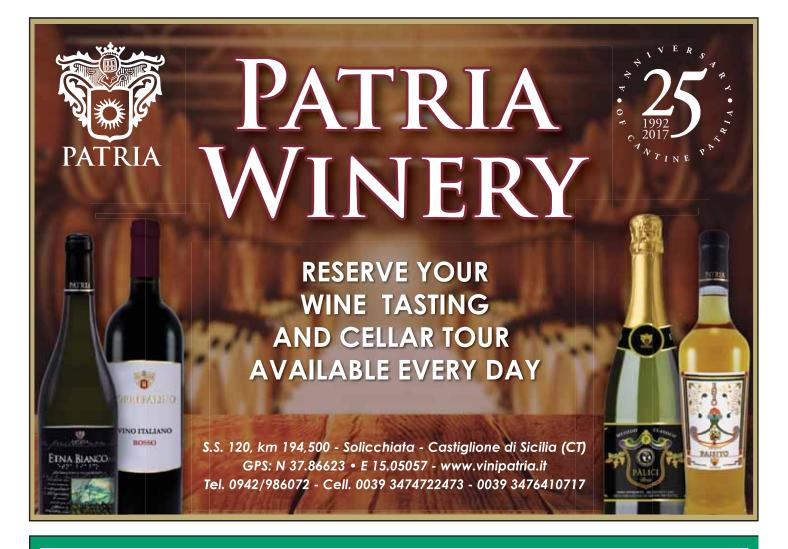
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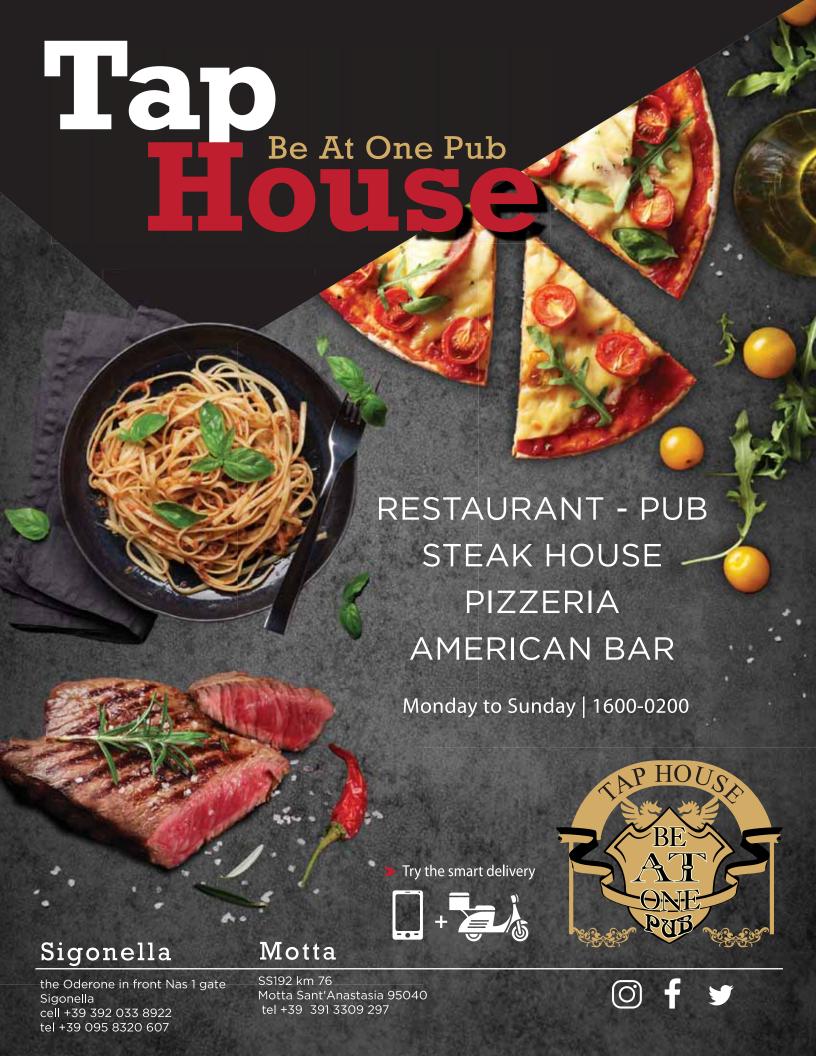
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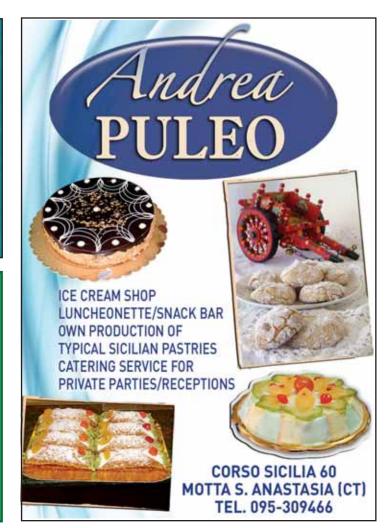
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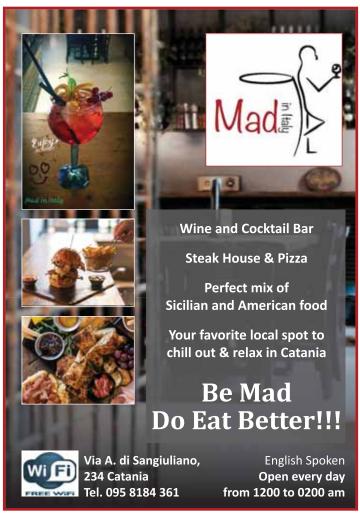
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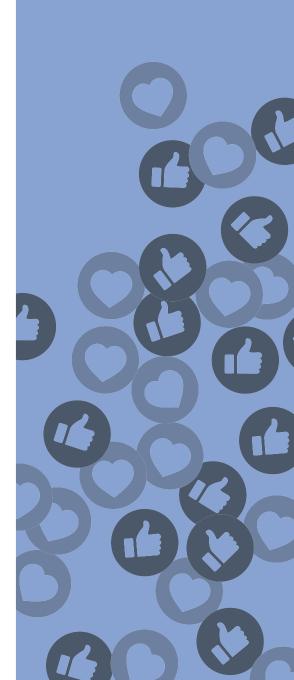




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FIRE CHIEF	
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ALL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS	624 420
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SAPR 24/7 HOTLINE	
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GALLEY (RESTAURANT BELLA ETNA)	624-2061/624-5739/624-258
CUSTOMER SERVICE	
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HOSPITAL APPOINTMENT LINE	
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24HR DUTY/QRT DECK NUMBER	
DENTAL CLINIC NAS I	
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HEALTH PROMOTIONS OFFICE	
HOSPITAL MEDICAL HOME PORT	
MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC	
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ORTHOPEDICS	
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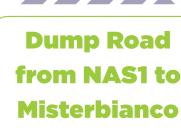
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FLIGHT LINE CLINIC	40.4 4004	NAS I SPLASHERS POOL	
AVIATION MEDICINE (PHYSICAL SCREENINGS)		NAS II FLIGHT LINE POOL	
DENTAL CLINIC NAS II		SCHOOL LIASON OFFICE	
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INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE		MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION OFFICE (MVRO)	624-52/5/61/1
LABORATORY		NI	
NAS II RECEPTION/APPOINTMENTS		N	
MEDICAL RECORDS OFFICE			
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH CLINIC		NAVAL COMPUTER AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS STATION (NCTS)	(24.5524
OPTOMETRY NAS II		QRT DECK	
PHARMACY NAS II		ADMIN	
PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE		CDO	
RADIOLOGY NAS II		BASE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE DIRECTOR	
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HOUSING DEPARTMENT		BCO VTC FACILITATOR	
HOUSING WELCOME CENTER		BCO CELLUAR PHONES MANAGER	
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		BARBER SHOP NAS I	
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		ETNA GRILL/TACO BELL	
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		EUROPE CAR RENTAL ACROSS FROM NAS I	
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		FLOWER SHOP	
LEGAL SERVICES OFFICE DETACHMENT (RLSO)		GEICO INSURANCE	
FRONT DESK	624-5258	LOSS PREVENTION/SAFETY MANAGER	
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NAVY MUNITIONS COMMAND ATLANTIC DETATCHMENT (NMCLANT DET)		MAIN LINE	624-5630
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COMMUNITY RELATIONS (COMREL) DIRECTOR		Y	
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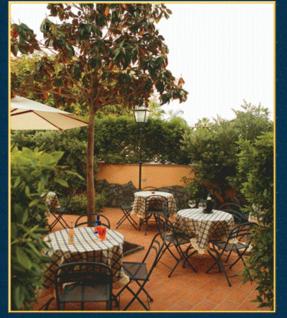


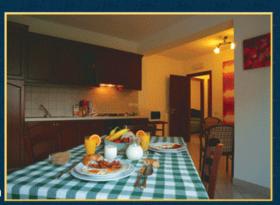
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